



HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES FORCES KOREA

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR United States Forces Korea (USFK) Personnel

SUBJECT: 2012 Commander's Holiday Message

1. Happy Holidays to all of our USFK service members, civilians, and families! The holiday season is important for families and friends to share quality time together, participate in great holiday traditions and events, and take a break from work or training. It is a time when we express gratitude for our blessings and to the people we value in our lives. We are especially thankful for the freedoms that you serve to defend.
2. Our USFK team continues to excel. Your hard work and dedication is essential to our mission in deterring aggression on the Korean Peninsula and supporting regional stability. Your efforts have made the ROK-US Alliance the strongest in the world and the Korean and American people are grateful for your service and sacrifices.
3. Take full advantage of the holidays to rest, refit, and recharge. We have several training holidays and half-day work schedules planned. I encourage you to explore the Republic of Korea and experience the great things that this country has to offer. Please be safe and be responsible. Remember that we are all representatives of the United States on and off duty. Koreans are gracious hosts, and we must be good guests.
4. All of us, regardless of our branch of service, are part of the USFK family. We continue to walk in the footsteps of generations of Americans who have served far from home. Some members of our community are here with their families, others are away from their loved ones. Remember that we are one team, and we take care of one other. Please include your fellow service members in your holiday activities and help ensure that we all enjoy some time off.
5. Thank you for your continued service to our nation. I appreciate your hard work, and I am proud of you.
6. Dee and I wish all of you a most wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James D. Thurman", is positioned above the printed name.

JAMES D. THURMAN
General, U.S. Army
Commander